

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 12th January 2021

Meeting Open: 7.00pm

Chairman: John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, J. LeLaen, T. Blackford, M. Pilgrim, A. Whitbourne, J. McCulloch, K. Doulton, P. MacGregor, J. Carr, J. Sivell.
2. **Apologies:** B. Curran, I Carr, N. Parker, A. Foster.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 8th December 2020)**

Moved: J. Sivell

Seconded: J. Carr

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

Item 2 Expanding the Club's Storage Facilities: Andy (Whitbourne) advised work on the project was nearing completion. Remaining work to be completed included: concreting the driveway and footpath, painting exterior walls, and some electrical work.

Item 29 Covid-19 Safety Check for Commencing Sailing Operations: The Commodore advised due to the Central Coast being declared a "Red Zone" some additional restrictions had been imposed by the State Government including the wearing of face masks inside the clubhouse. This and other restrictions had been implemented. The Club's Covid-19 Safety Plan continues to run fairly well. Most members understood and respected the plan.

Item 46 MPASC Stickers for the Club's Permanent Marks: The Commodore provided Mick (Pilgrim) with the stickers and these would be fixed to the marks. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 47 Media Board to Support the Club's Sponsors: Ken (Doulton) advised he just need a copy of the Club's logo from Bruce (McWhirter) and he would be able to organise the "Media Board".

Action Item: Bruce (McWhirter) to provide Ken (Doulton) a copy of the Club's logo.

Item 48 Purchase of an EpiPen for the Club: Andy (Whitborne) he had amended the Learn to Sail Registration Form to cover EpiPens. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 51 Yacht Crew Registrations: The Vice Commodore – Yacht (Mick Pilgrim) advised all skippers had been advised via email of their responsibilities regarding crew registrations.

Item 52 Resignation of the Vice Commodore - Catamarans: The Commodore advised he had not been successful in finding a replacement for the vacant Vice Commodore – Catamarans position. Andy (Whitbourne) suggested Andrew Nelson as a suitable replacement. Brenton (Curran) second Andy suggestion and would approach Andrew (Nelson) on the Club's behalf.

Action Item: Brenton (Curran) to approach Andrew Nelson to see if he would be willing to take over the Vice Commodore – Catamaran's role.

Item 53 Missing Marks for the Wednesday Twilight Races: John (Sivell) suggestion for skippers to check on marks as they sail around to the start line on Wednesdays has been implemented. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 54 Awarding Points for Abandoned Twilight Races: Mick (Pilgrim) has amended the Sailing Instructions to allow skippers to be awarded points if a race has to be abandoned due to a missing mark. Skippers were also notified via email of the change. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 55 Club "Health" Check -Sport Australia: Andy (Whitborne) advised Sport Australia had released a new on-line tool "Game Plan" which would allow clubs to review their processes and governance. Andy stated he had completed some of the review and had invited the Commodore to also have a look at the tool and provide input. Andy further stated he would like other club members to participate, so we could have a wider view on where we thought the club was at, and what we should be doing or not doing. Both Nikki (Parker) and Ken (Doulton) said they would like to participate.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne) to invite Nikki and Ken to participate in the Sport Australia "Game Plan" tool.

Item 56 Lear to Sail Class – 18th to 21st January 2021: Andy (Whitbourne) advised the club would be running the next Learn to Sail class for juniors from the 18th to 21st January 2021.

Item 57 Claim for Damage to the New Rib: Jim (LeLaen) advised our case for compensation for damage to the new rib, whilst being transported from QLD, would be going to the Small Claims Court (Wyong) on the 14th January 2021.

Item 58 Disposal of the Club's Coffee Machine: Jim (LeLaen) advised there had been no offers to purchase the coffee machine. The Commodore stated that as agreed at the December meeting, the coffee machine would be donated to the Mannering Park CWA if not sold by the February meeting.

Action Item: Jim (LeLaen) to list the coffee machine for sale on social media.

Item 59 Grant Applications – Current Status:

1. Boat Shed Extension - \$197,800 (Regional NSW Industry and Trade – Stronger Country Community Grant) – Successful (Project in progress)
2. Safety Rib - \$17,237 (Lake Coal – Smartygrants) – Successful (Delivered but damaged – claim for compensation against transport company)
3. Sailability Crane - \$4,697 (NSW Office of Sport – Access Grant) – Successful (Delivered, awaiting acquittal)
4. Youth and Volunteer Training - \$1,795 (NSW Office of Sport – Sport Development Grant) – Successful (Remaining funds to spend - \$320)
5. Sailability Boats x 2 - \$26,405 (Chain Valley Colliery Grants) – Awaiting Decision
6. Boatshed Storage - \$3,300 (Chain Valley Colliery Grants) – Awaiting Decision
7. Sails, Harness, Hoodies - \$8,362 (Australian Sports Foundation – Active Kids Grant) – Awaiting Decision
8. 2022 Skiff Nationals Regatta - \$5,000 (NSW Office of Sport – Community Events Grants) – Awaiting Decision

5. **Reports**

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasure presented her Financial reports for December.

Moved: T. Blackford

Second: J. Sivell

Race Committee Report: Patrick (McGregor) advised he was very happy with Saturday sailing fleets, which have improved over last season’s numbers.

Regatta Committee Report: No Report.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- NIL

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- NIL

8. **General Business.**

Item 60 Official Opening for the Clubhouse Extensions: The Commodore stated we would need to start thinking about an official opening for the clubhouse extensions about to be completed. A condition of the grant funding was that we would need to hold some sort of opening ceremony so a representative of the Government could officially open the facility. The Commodore further stated he would form a small sub-committee to look into this.

Action Item: The Commodore to form a small sub-committee to look into holding an official opening for the club’s extensions project.

Item 61 Concreting the Area beside the Clubhouse: Andy (Whitbourne) stated we would need to widen the western side footpath to accommodate wheelchair access to the disabled toilets. He went on to say we should consider cementing that small dirt area beside the clubhouse, instead of just widening the footpath. The meeting agreed with Andy's suggestion. Andy stated he would obtain a quote from DACH.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne) to obtain a quote from DACH to concrete the dirt area, beside the western side footpath.

Long Term Issues.

Review of the Club's Accreditation as an Australian Sailing "Discover Sailing Centre": The Committee will review the Club's accreditation as Australian Sailing "Discover Sailing Centre" after the 2019 – 2020 season.

Renewal of Council Lease: Council is working through the renewal of the lease, as it is with all other long-term leases within the council area. Until the lease was finalized the Club would continue a month to month lease arrangement.

Renewal of RSA Qualifications for Club Members: The Commodore stated any member who undertook the RSA training would be reimbursed the cost of the course by the Club. He had further advised the same offer of reimbursement would apply to any member who renewed their RSA.

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